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deaths. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and tuberculosis; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 7	Alabama	20	6	1	0
10	Nicaragua	19	0	0	0

Number of aliens for the week, 4.

PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, September 14, as follows:

During the week ended September 10, 1904, the following vessels have cleared for ports in the United States and have been granted bills of health: Norwegian steamship *Harald* for New Orleans, via Limon, September 5, with 22 crew and no passengers; British steamship *Barbadian* for New Orleans, via Jamaica and Mexican ports, September 7, with 45 crew and 51 passengers; British steamship *Cape Comino* for Philadelphia, September 7, with 24 crew and no passengers; American steamship *Finance* for New York, September 7, with 63 crew and 89 passengers; Norwegian steamship *Beacon* for New Orleans, via Bocas del Toro, September 8, with 25 crew and no passengers; British steamship *Viscaina* for a port in the United States, via Daiquiri, Cuba, September 10, with 22 crew and no passengers.

Mortality—Improved sanitary conditions.

The sanitary conditions of Colon begin to show some improvement.

There have been 3 deaths during the period from September 1 to 12, as follows: 1 Jamaican, age 63, from fever; 1 Chinaman, age 68, from fever; 1 Panaman, age 10 months, from fever.

The cleaning of lots and streets and the drainage of the many collections of water have had a good effect, the number of mosquitoes being considerably diminished.

The old hospital formerly operated by the French Canal Company and for years used as a charity hospital will to-day be transferred to the sanitary department of the Isthmian Canal Commission. This will give the sanitary officials a better control of the situation.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended September 15, 1904. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; number of deaths, 2; prevailing diseases, malarial fevers; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.